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May 20, 1952

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met Tuesday, May 20, 1952 at 5 o'clock. Members present were : Mr. Wier, Mr. Bloodworth, Mr. Hodgson, Mrs. Dudley, Mrs. Mendenhall, Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Wilson and Milner. Also Miss Maret.

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Wier, Chairman.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. Discussion of the use of the money on hand as of January 1, 1952 was held. Following the discussion, it was moved by Mr. Milner and seconded by Mr. Hodgson that the library continue to develop the grounds and garden. Motion was carried.

The chairman reported that in his visit to the city for its appropriation for 1952, he was told that the city appropriation was not to be spent for major repairs to the building, as this was a county building and thus a county responsibility.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that the Junior Ladies Garden Club had made a donation of \$250.00 for the garden and that the money was to be spent for the completion of the pool. She reported that she was looking for an attractive backing for the fountain. She also reported that a sprinkler system was needed in the garden and that an estimate of \$225-\$275 had been quoted on same.

The Chairman reported the appearance of termites again in the library. He had asked the county engineer to come and look over the situation and make recommendations on what to do. Mr. Wilson moved that the chairman be given authority to do what was necessary to eradicate the termites. Motion seconded by Mr. Bloodworth. Motion carried.

The Director gave her report. She called attention to the monthly reports which were being sent out from the library in which could be found the work which was being done on the American Heritage Project. A letter was read from Dr. Collins, State School Superintendent commending the board and library on its work with the project. The director said she had been asked to attend a meeting in Chicago on May 27-29 at which time an evaluation conference was to be held. She also reported that the American Library Association was holding its annual meeting in New York from June 30 to July 5. She was urged by the board to attend both of these meetings.

Mrs. Wilkins gave the report of the nominating committee. The following officers were elected:

Chairman - Mr. Morton Hodgson
V. Chairman - Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Jr.
Treasurer - Mr. Thomas Milner, Jr.

Mrs. Wilkins reported that Mrs. Banister, of Madison County, had approached her and the Director concerning the addition of Madison County to the Athens Region. She pointed out a number of advantages this would bring to the region. It was the opinion of the group that it should consider the proposal and that perhaps at a later date the Madison County Board might ask to meet with the Athens Regional Library Board for serious consideration of the proposal.

As there was no other business, meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Maret

August 19, 1952

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday afternoon, August 19, 1952 at 5:00 p.m.

Members present were: Richard Bloodworth, Troutman Wilson, Morton Hodgson, Thomas Milner and Mrs. T.H. McHatton from Athens and Mrs. W.G. Callaway from Oglethorpe County.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hodgson. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The matter of termites in the library building was brought before the board. The Chairman was authorized to secure the services of an exterminator to eradicate them.

The Director gave her report. She told something of the work of the library during the sponsorship of the American Heritage Project. A letter from Mrs. Grace Stevenson, director of the National Project was read to the board. In this she stated that the library had again been approved for funds from A.L.A. to continue the operation of the project. The Director reported that Mr. Louie Griffith, who had worked with the project during the year, was not planning to continue with it, and in his stead she wished to offer the name of Mrs. Edd Parks. A conference for participants in the project is to be held in Chicago from September 2 until September 6. It was moved by Mr. Milner that the position be offered to Mrs. Parks at \$225.00 per month for the period of September through March and that Mrs. Parks' expenses be paid from ALA funds for the trip. Mrs. McHatton seconded motion. Motion carried. It was voted that the Director be authorized to attend this meeting.

Miss Maret reported that the Children's Librarian had resigned and that she and the librarian in charge of Rural Library Service in the State Department of Education were corresponding with a young lady who might fill this vacancy. It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mrs. McHatton that the Director with the aid of the State Department of Education be authorized to fill this position with someone of their choosing. Motion was carried.

The Director told the board of an idea that she had for the library to sponsor a "Parliamentary Law Clinic" for the officers of the various groups in the community. This idea met with the board's hearty approval.

It was moved by Mr. Wilson and seconded by Mr. Bloodworth that at the discretion of the library director and library board treasurer, a floor polisher be purchased for use in the library. Motion was carried.

The Chairman brought up the name of a local person who was very anxious to do radio work or newspaper work for the library. It was decided by the group to take no action on this matter at the present.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam C. Hunt

November 11, 1952

The Athens Regional Library Board met at the Regional Library on Tuesday afternoon, November 11, 1952 at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Morton Hodgson, Richard Bloodworth, Jr., Troutman Wilson, Mrs. F.H. Mendenhall, Mrs. J.J. Wilkins, Jr., Mrs. R.G. Stephens, Jr. and Mr. and Mrs. E.O. Cabaniss. Also present was Miss Sarah Maret. Attending the meeting from the State Department of Education was Miss Lucile Nix and from Madison County were Mrs. H.G. Banister, J.K. Brookshire and Paul Whitehead.

The Chairman, Mr. Hodgson, called the meeting to order and welcomed the members and visitors. He stated that the purpose of the meeting was to call together the members of the Athens Regional Library Board and the members of the Madison County Library Board and a representative of the State Department of Education to consider the possibility of Madison County's coming into the Athens Region for library service.

The Chairman asked Miss Nix to tell something of the other regional library situations found throughout Georgia. Miss Nix told the group of the other library programs operating throughout the state. She pointed out the advantages of regional library service. She answered a number of questions asked by members of the board..

Mr. Bloodworth moved that an invitation be extended to Madison County to come into the region for library service, when and if she desired. Motion was seconded. Motion carried.

Mrs. Banister, Chairman of the Madison County Library Board asked that she be given some information in writing so that she might present the proposal to her board at its next meeting. Miss Maret and Miss Nix were appointed to get this information to Mrs. Banister.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah E. Maret
Sarah E. Maret, Secretary

December 18, 1952

The Athens-Clarke County Library Board met at the Regional Library on Thursday afternoon, December 18, 1952 at 5:00 o'clock. Members present were: Mr. Morton Hodgson, Mr. Billy Wier, Mr. Troutman Wilson, Mr. Abit Nix, Mr. Richard Bloodworth, Jr. Judge Arthur Oldham, Mr. Thomas Milner, Jr. and Miss Sarah Maret.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hodgson. Minutes of August 19 and November 11 meetings were read, corrected and adopted.

Miss Maret reported that she and Miss Lucile Nix, of the State Department of Education had drawn up a proposed plan for Madison County to enter Athens Regional Library service. She said she had presented this plan to Mrs. H.G. Bannister, Chairman of the Madison County Library Board, who planned to submit it to her board to act upon.

Chairman Hodgson said that he felt that the library workers should be given a 10% raise in salary for the coming year. Mr. Wier suggested that the Board wait and consider this proposal at the beginning of the new year, after the library request for funds from the city had been passed by the Mayor and Council. It was the consensus of opinion of the group that this would be best.

Mr. Wilson said that Mr. McDorman of the City Civil Service Commission had talked with him concerning the installation of 12 minute parking meters on Hancock Street in front of the library building. Mr. Bloodworth moved that the library board go on record as having no objection to the installation of parking meters in front of the library building. Motion seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried.

The budget for 1953 was presented to the board. It was moved by Mr. Wilson that the budget, as presented, be adopted. Motion seconded by Mr. Bloodworth. Motion carried.

Miss Maret reported that the Film Council of America had chosen the Athens Regional Library as a preview center for films - the films for previewing to be furnished by the Council. After some discussion of the matter, it was recommended by Mr. Nix that the board table this proposal until a later date. This was voted on and was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Bloodworth and seconded by Mr. Wier that the library personnel be granted a salary supplement for the month of December. This supplement was to be the same as was granted in 1951. (\$15.00 for full-time workers and \$10.00 for Branch and part-time workers, and \$25.00 for Director.) Motion carried.

Mr. Wilson moved that the library be closed for Christmas holidays on December 24, 25, and 26. Motion seconded by Mr. Wier. Motion carried. Miss Ma

Miss Maret reported that the bookmobile librarian was resigning and that she would have to be replaced. It was moved by Mr. Nix that the Library Director and Chairman of the Board, Mr. Hodgson be given authority to employ the needed personnel for the library. Motion seconded and carried.

The Director asked for permission to purchase \$400.00 worth of films for use in the library program. It was moved and seconded that this request be granted. Motion carried.

It was pointed out by the Director that three of the board member's terms of office would expire on February 7, 1953. It was moved and seconded that the Chairman write to the Mayor, thanking him for the city's support of the library and asking for the re-appointment of the three members whose terms expire. These members are: Mr. Abit Nix, Mrs. T.H. McHatton and Mrs. J.W. Bailey. Motion was carried.

There was no other business. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah C. Thwait